



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 5, 2019

Agenda Item: 2020-2021 Game Damage/Management Seasons/Wildlife Health & Special CWD hunt quotas

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Minutes

Background: Game Damage/Management Season/Wildlife Health harvest quotas are adopted biennially for each region for deer, elk, and antelope, and Special CWD hunt quotas are adopted statewide for deer, elk, and moose. These quotas represent authority and limits to prescribed harvest from any future game damage hunts and/or management seasons and hunts to address wildlife health issues such as brucellosis, tuberculosis, and CWD. To clarify, these quotas represent the upper limits to potential prescribed harvest—not necessarily permit/license numbers or hunter numbers. FWP is proposing no change from the 2018-2019 quotas.

Game Damage/Management Season/Wildlife Health
maximum harvest quotas for 2020 and 2021.

Region	Deer	Elk	Antelope
1	800	500	0
2	400	1000	20
3	1400	2000	200
4	750	1000	450
5	1400	600	300
6	2000	500	100
7	2000	200	500

Special CWD Hunt maximum harvest quotas for 2020 and 2021.

Deer	Elk	Moose
5000	1000	20

Alternatives and Analysis: Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions, or no change from 2019 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications behind proposals.

Public Involvement Process & Results: Seventeen game damage/management season comments were received during the Aug. 15 – Sep. 16 scoping. Many spoke in opposition to shoulder seasons even though those seasons are not game damage seasons. In addition to public comment taken during the Dec. 5 commission meeting, public comment will run through 5 p.m., Jan. 22, 2020. Any final adoptions will take place at the February 2020 commission meeting.

Proposed Motion: I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt for public comment the 2020 and 2021 Game Damage/ Management Season/Wildlife Health and Special CWD Hunt Quota authorizations as proposed by FWP.